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H.R. No. 1625

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bonnie Simpson is retiring as an employee of the
2 Texas House of Representatives on June 30, 2009, concluding a
3 distinguished career that has spanned 27 years; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1982, Mrs. Simpson reported for her first day of
5 work at the State Capitol; she began her tenure in House Property
6 and later took up new responsibilities as part of House
7 Reproduction; and

8 WHEREAS, Possessing a keen sense of humor, she has often
9 lightened her colleagues' spirits with her joking comments, and on
10 one memorable occasion, she told Speaker Bill Clayton that he
11 needed to "leave a quarter" when he asked to use the phone in the
12 Property office; another legendary Texas politician to cross Mrs.
13 Simpson's path was Governor George W. Bush, who once offered to help
14 her in her task of matching chairs to desks in the house chamber;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, With her working days coming to an end, this native
17 Texan is looking forward to devoting herself more fully to her
18 hobbies, which include sewing, cross stitching, bicycle riding,
19 target shooting, bowling, attending gun shows and cattle auctions,
20 and, especially, shopping; in addition, she plans to spend relaxed
21 mornings sipping coffee on the porch of her home while relishing the
22 fact that she no longer has to make a 100-mile round-trip commute to
23 and from downtown Austin each day; and

24 WHEREAS, Retirement will also allow Mrs. Simpson to spend

1 additional time with her family, which includes her husband, Terry
2 Simpson, her son, Bradly, and her grandchildren, Ash, Ty, and
3 Jaidyn; other members of the Simpson homestead include dogs, Hank
4 and Frank, miniature donkeys, Annie, Belle, Theresa, and Cheyenne,
5 and a few white-face Hereford cattle; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than a quarter-century, Bonnie Simpson has
7 provided important service to the members of this chamber, and she
8 may take justifiable pride in her many achievements as she begins
9 the next exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Bonnie Simpson on the event of her
12 retirement and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
13 happiness in the years to come; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mrs. Simpson as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.